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34TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel Chairwoman Federal Communications Commission 45 L St NE Washington, D.C. 20002 558

# RE: Latino Media Network applications 0000194661, 0000194638, 0000194656 to purchase TelevisaUnivision radio stations

## Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

As the United States Representative from California's 34th Congressional District, I am reaching out to offer my support of the FCC's commitment to promote diverse media ownership of public radio stations. Specifically, I am writing in regard to Latino Media Network's application to acquire eighteen radio stations from TelevisaUnivision, which, if approved, would increase the number of radio stations owned and operated by Latinos in this country.

Radio stations that inform and empower the Latino community are now more important than ever. Increasing diversity in media ownership and media content ensures that historically marginalized communities have a voice in our national discussion. I believe that the Latino Media Network, led by Stephanie Valencia and Jess Morales Rocketto, will provide this vital service to Spanish language listeners.

Four of the stations in this proposed acquisition are in my home state of California. One of these, KTNQ AM 1020, is a radio station with a Spanish News/Talk format that is beneficial to my constituents in Los Angeles. This station has been the Spanish language flagship station of the Los Angeles Dodgers since 2011, and includes programming including sports, community empowerment, politics, health and personal finance.

The Latino Media Network will provide valuable information, public discourse, and cultural opportunities to enrich the lives of Latino and non-Latino community members in my state and beyond. It is imperative that communities of all stripes have equal access to quality information and a platform to voice their concerns.

The approval of these applications will support local media at a time when often larger corporations have taken over local stations, it is more important than ever to support local media in communities large and small. It is essential that the Latino community has a stake in the programming and operations of these radio stations, and I appreciate the FCC's continued commitment to its statutory mandate to promote diversity in the media landscape.

Thank you for your careful consideration and I look forward to your decision regarding the Latino Media Network's acquisition of these 18 radio stations from TelevisaUnivision

Sincerely,

Jimmy Gomez

Member of Congress